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SUBJ: ALLEGATION OF BRITISH INVOLVEMENT IN TRANSKEI DECISION

TO BREAK WITH SOUTH AFRICA

REF: DURBAN 232 (NOTAL)

1. DURBAN PRESS ON APRIL 11 HEADLINED THE ALLEGATION THAT A LABOR MP WHO RECENTLY VISITED TRANSKEI BROUGHT A PRIVATE MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN TO TRANSKEI PRIME MINISTER MATANZIMA URGING MATANZIMA TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND OFFERING THE POSSIBILITY OF RECOGNITION IF HE DID SO. THE REPUTED INTERMEDIARY IS HUMPHREY BERKELEY, REPORTEDLY THE HEAD OF A LONDON PR FIRM ENGAGED IN WORK FOR TRANSKEI. THE "EVIDENCE" FOR THIS CONNECTION IS THAT BERKELEY HAD ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE OF MATANZIMA'S APRIL 10 SPEECH BREAKING RELATIONS AND THAT THE STORY BROKE IN LONDON BEFORE IT DID IN SOUTH
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AFRICA.

2. PRIME MINISTER VORSTER IN HIS APRIL 11 REPLY TO MATANZIMA MAY HAVE BEEN REFERRING TO THIS STORY IN MENTIONING "INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE" WHO MAY HAVE HAD RECENT TALKS WITH MATANZIMA AND URGED HIM TO BREAK WITH S.A. TO GAIN RECOGNITION.

3. MATANZIMA HAS PUBLICLY DENIED RECEIVING ANY MESSAGE FROM
OWEN AND OUR BRITISH COLLEAGUES STATE THEY KNOW OF NO BASIS
FOR THE ALLEGATIONS. IT THEREFORE APPEARS THE PRESS REPORT
IS WITHOUT FOUNDATION.
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